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TAMPA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT POLICE OFFICER SENTENCED FOR MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS ON SOCIAL SECURITY CARD APPLICATION

Ricky Perez-Reyes a/k/a "James Uhlik," age 44, was sentenced today before United States District Judge Steven D. Merryday to five (5) years of supervised probation for furnishing false information in connection with an application for a social security card. During the time period of the offense, Perez-Reyes was employed as a police officer with the Tampa International Airport Police Department. Perez-Reyes admitted to furnishing false information on a social security card application including a false name, date of birth and place of birth. Perez-Reyes also admitted that he utilized a Florida Marriage Certificate and a Florida Driver's License, both of which contained false identifying information, as evidence of the false information in the application

This case was investigated by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement,

United States Social Security Administration and the Tampa International Airport Police

Department and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jeffrey S.

Downing.